

**BIOGRAPHY OF  
JOHN STOVALL, DIRECTOR  
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John Stovall became director of The American Legion's National Security Division in December 2011. As director, he and his staff work on a variety of issues, including the defense budget and military readiness, U.S. foreign policy, and POW/MIA accountability.

A former Marine infantryman, Mr. Stovall served from 1995 to 1999 with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 8<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment. Following his military service, he worked on various federal and state-wide political campaigns, and later on Capitol Hill for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and Senator Jack Reed of Rhode Island, focusing on defense, foreign policy, intelligence, judiciary and immigration issues.

A graduate of the Naval War College and American University's School of International Service, John also received his MBA from Johns Hopkins Carey Business School. He lives in Columbia, MD with his wife and young son.